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## **REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 11-14 and 25 have been cancelled. Claims 15-18, 21-24 and 26 have been amended. Claims 15-24 and 26-30 are pending and under consideration.

In item 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 15 and 25-30 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form. That is, the limitations of claims 11 and 14, on which claim 15 depended, have been incorporated into claim 15. Claims 11-14 have been cancelled.

The remaining claims 16-24 and 26-30 depend directly or indirectly on independent claim 15.

At least in view of the Examiner's statement of allowably, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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